

REMARKS

Examiners Rashid and Siconolfi are thanked for the courtesy extended during the Office Interview on December 18, 2008.

It is believed that the Interview Summary accurately reflects what was discussed and agreed upon at the Interview.

Reconsideration of the rejection of Claims 3-8, 11-19 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Blossch et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,012,556) in view of Gordon et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,086,884) and further in view of Blanchard (U.S. Patent No. 5,601,000) and the rejection of Claims 20 and 21 as being unpatentable over Blossch et al. ('556) in view of Gordon et al. ('884) as applied to Claims 3-8, 11-19 and 22 above, and further in view of Akamatsu et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,799,757) is hereby requested. As stated in the Interview Summary, "The independent claim 22 was discussed and an agreement was reached that the claim overcomes the applied references". Therefore, reconsideration of these rejections is respectfully requested and Claims 3-8 and 11-22 are considered to be in condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, the Application is in condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Deposit Account No. 02-1010 (566/42764).

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Enclosure: Listing of the Claims